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Award from President Bush to be presented to Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Project Team

Baltimore – The Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Team will be honored with the Coastal America Partnership Award during a special ceremony Nov. 3, 2003, at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville, Md., from 11 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments provided.

John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, will present the award on behalf of President Bush and Coastal America.

Poplar Island is a dredged material beneficial-use placement site. Using dredged material from the approach channels to the Port of Baltimore, the Poplar Island team has successfully created more than 1,100 acres of upland, marsh and wetland habitat for a variety of native wildlife species. For more information on Poplar Island visit the project's web site at www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/Maryland/PoplarIsland/index.html.

The Coastal America Partnership Award recognizes outstanding team efforts to protect and restore coastal resources. More information on Coastal America is available at www.coastalamerica.gov.

The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club is located on Kent Island just across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Directions from the bridge - take the first exit (#37), Route 8 Stevensville. Turn right off this exit (South), and then turn right at traffic light onto Pier One Road. Take the first left off Pier One Road and follow signage for Beach Club. For more information on the Beach Club, log onto www.chesapeakebaybeachclub.com.